The rock band the Foo Fighters visited Charlotte on November 8 as part of a tour to promote its new album *Wasting Light,*  and put on an impressive show at Time Warner Cable Arena.

The band opened with the first two songs from its new album, “Bridge Burning” and “Rope,” getting the crowd on its feet and cheering. From there the band mixed new songs with well-known, crowd pleasing hits such as “My Hero,” “Learn to Fly,” and “The Pretender.” Covers of Pink Floyd’s “In the Flesh?” and Tom Petty’s “Breakdown” were well done tributes to two of music’s greatest artists.

After the main set the crowd’s standing ovation succeeded in calling the band back for an encore. Frontman guitarist Dave Grohl began the encore with an acoustic set, performing “Wheels” and “Best of You” alone on a raised platform above the stage. The rest of the band joined in for the final four songs, the last being “Everlong,” perhaps its biggest hit. Played masterfully, with the crowd singing along, it provided an epic ending to a remarkable, three hour marathon of music.

“The concert was fantastic. It was longer than most I've been to, which was great, and there was a lot of interaction between the fans and the band,” said junior Jenna Calderone. “My favorite part was the acoustic set because I love it when bands do intimate things like that to bring the audience into the music, no matter the size of the crowd,” she said.

Grohl ran wild on stage, playing guitar and showing off a powerful and raw voice. His amusing commentary between songs kept the crowd involved, and he also encouraged them to sing along to some of the band’s hits. Drummer Taylor Hawkins played superbly with seemingly reckless abandon, nailed a brief solo that had the audience roaring, and provided backup vocals.

Guitarist Chris Shiflett, impressive throughout the concert, was given a chance to show off his skills during a back and forth guitar “battle” with Grohl in the middle of the concert. Bassist Nate Mendel and rhythm guitarist Pat Smear grounded the group with steadily driving play. Rami Jaffee, featured on the keyboard, had a solo during the Tom Petty cover.

“That concert was one of the best concerts I've been to. Definitely a great event,” said junior Mark Pollack. “They played all the songs I liked because they played for 3 whole hours!”

The Foo Fighters were formed in 1995 by Dave Grohl, former drummer for the grunge group Nirvana. Although the band has had several members over the years, its current lineup has been together since 2005 and has produced two albums together. The band got its name from the World War II term ‘foo fighter’ which was an unidentified flying object.